

✿ Lesson 2: The Past Simple Tense

1. What is the Past Simple?

The **past simple** is a verb tense we use to talk about:

- ✓ **Finished actions** in the past
- ✓ **Things that happened one time**
- ✓ **Events that are not happening now**

Examples:

- I **visited** my grandmother yesterday.
- She **watched** a movie last night.
- They **went** to school on Monday.

2. How do we form the Past Simple?

A. Regular Verbs (add -ed)

Most verbs form the past by adding **-ed**.

Base Verb Past Simple

walk walked

play played

watch watched

clean cleaned

Examples:

- He **cleaned** his room.
- We **played** football.

Spelling rules:

- Verbs ending in **e** → add **d**
live → *lived*

- Verbs ending in **y** → change **y** to **i + ed**
cry → *cried*
 - Short verbs (CVC) → double last consonant + ed
stop → *stopped*
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B. Irregular Verbs (special forms)

Some verbs **do not** take -ed. You must memorize them.

Base Verb Past Simple

go went

eat ate

see saw

have had

make made

Examples:

- She **ate** an apple.
 - They **went** to the park.
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3. Using the Past Simple

A. Affirmative (positive)

Subject + past simple verb

- I **visited** my friend.
 - She **watched** TV.
 - They **saw** a dog.
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B. Negative form

Use **did not (didn't)** + base verb

- I **didn't go** to school.
 - He **didn't eat** breakfast.
 - They **didn't play** yesterday.
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C. Questions

Use **Did** + subject + base verb?

- **Did** you **watch** the movie?
→ Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.
 - **Did** she **go** to the party?
→ Yes, she did. / No, she didn't.
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4. Time Expressions for the Past Simple

We often use:

- yesterday
- last night / last week / last year
- in 2010
- two days ago
- on Monday

Example:

I visited my cousin **last weekend**.

5. Examples (simple)

- He **played** video games yesterday.
- She **didn't go** to school last Monday.
- **Did** they **meet** you two days ago?
- I **saw** a rainbow in the morning.

6. Quick Practice (with answers)

A. Fill in the blanks with the correct past form:

1. I _____ (watch) a movie yesterday.
2. She _____ (go) to the market.
3. They _____ (not play) football last night.
4. _____ you _____ (see) the new teacher?

Answers:

1. watched
2. went
3. did not (didn't) play
4. Did you see?